

### SOLDIERS OF FIFTH BRIGADE READY TO SAIL FOR VERA CRUZ

#### Wives Stand Bareheaded in Rain Watching Their Husbands Preparing to Leave

Galveston, Texas, April 24.—The reinforced Fifth Brigade, the army's first expeditionary force for Mexico, broke camp during the night at Fort Crockett here and at daylight moved to the transports waiting to take them to Vera Cruz. They were not expected to sail before late this afternoon.

The soldiers marched from camp after a night spent practically without sleep. The general sentiment appeared to be that they were glad to escape the routine of camp life under canvas, which has lasted here for more than a year, since the Second Division was mobilized at Galveston and Texas City.

These Camp Crockett regiments, Fourth, Seventh, Nineteenth and Twenty-eighth Infantry, comprising about 2,500 men and forming the bulk of the brigade, were largely veterans, all having seen service in the Philippines. They worked all night packing and cleaning camp and by daylight the troops not only were ready to move but the 100 acres they had occupied was almost literally broom-swept, so careful was the clean-up.

The whole movement passed quietly. Wives of men or officers here and there watched their husbands. When daylight came with a cold rain many women stood bareheaded on the sea wall overlooking the camp, seemingly unmindful of the weather, as they watched passing companies for a look at their own men folk.

#### One Lone Prisoner

One lone military prisoner was compelled to remain in a low-railed enclosure at the end of the camp, where all the troops passed in their march to the front in full view. He walked round his enclosure, all the time watching the troops.

The four infantry regiments which came from the following posts: Twentieth Infantry, Fort Snelling, Minn.; Fourth Infantry from Fort Crook, Neb.; Seventh Infantry from Leavenworth, Kas.; Nineteenth Infantry from Fort Meade, in North Dakota; Sill, in Oklahoma, and Leavenworth, Company E, Engineers, which also boarded the transports, came from Leavenworth.

In addition to the four transports, Mendez, Sumner, Kilpatrick and McClellan, which were taking on troops this morning, the quartermaster's department was endeavoring to secure one or two commercial steamers, which were intended to carry the transport cavalry and artillery.

Brigadier General Frederick Funston, who will command the brigade now embarking, was awaiting at his headquarters last night when the sailing orders came. He had the orders telephoned back to Galveston, where the whistles of the four transports blew a prearranged signal summoning their crews. An hour after the order reached Galveston every officer and man in the city knew it and was either at camp or on the way.

### MOBS OF MEXICANS TRAMPLE U. S. FLAG

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of the local newspapers, crowds of students and government office employees began to gather.

By dusk a mob had assembled in front of the American Club where they smashed windows and howled insults at the American citizens inside, all of whom they threatened to assassinate.

An appeal to the governor of the federal district brought police protection but not before the crowd had shattered many of the windows in the club house and in adjoining properties belonging to Americans.

#### Sing National Anthem

Until two o'clock in the morning bands of excited Mexicans marched through the streets singing the Mexican national anthem and shouting "death to the Americans."

The American club, the leading American hostelry, and the offices of the Mexican Herald were closed, owing to the threats of the mobs to burn them and murder their occupants.

The British, Germans and French in the federal capital were prepared at a moment's notice to gather in the previously arranged concentration districts, which had been provisioned to stand a siege.

#### "Fake" Stories Printed

The newspapers, probably acting under the directions of General Huerta, issued many extra editions, in which they printed dispatches stating that El Paso, Laredo, Nogales and other places had been taken by the Mexicans. Other dispatches announced that the federal troops had gained victory at Vera Cruz, where they expected to surround and drive the American invaders into the sea.

The repair and supply ship Panther will probably go to Mexico with Admiral Winslow's squadron. The Panther has been fitted out with modern machinery and is ordered south with carry thousands of different extra parts for warships and machine guns.

The papers also declared the battleship Louisiana had been sunk by a Mexican torpedo. An alleged dispatch from the south said that Emiliano Zapata, the southern rebel, was coming to join forces with General Huerta.

All the American officials employed by the National Railroads and the Mexican Railway Company were immediately discharged by the government in order that no trains could be operated except under the supervision of the government.

At the American embassy orders were expected from the Mexican government that the arms and ammunition recently permitted to enter should be given up. This was in retaliation for the seizure of Vera Cruz by the American fleet.

The refugee train took twenty hours to make the journey from Mexico city to Vera Cruz. There were many delays but no mishaps.

#### EUROPE APPROVES ACTION

Paris, April 24.—Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary on several occasions during his visit to Paris has said in the course of private conversations, that he believes the United States is undertaking a work in Mexico of which thoughtful opinion in Europe approves.

### T. LARRY EYRE WILL BUILD NEW SUBWAYS

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successful contractor for the subway: revived the discussion in municipal circles of the opportunity for the city to acquire sufficient earth for the proposed 25-foot "fill" on the western side of Front street between MacLay and Division streets to provide a walk outside the curb.

Work on the Front and Second street subways will be started in the near future and engineers have had their stakes in the ground for some time. The resident engineer of construction has visited the park and gone over the ground with Superintendent of Parks Taylor and his assistant, J. R. Hoffert.

The engineer told Mr. Taylor that he questioned whether more than thirty of forty thousand yards of earth will be available and the question of hauling that amount will be an important one to consider in using this material for "fill."

#### 150,000 Yards on Whole Job

City Engineer Cowden figured that 150,000 yards or tons of earth would be available from the entire job, including the excavations from the houses that must necessarily be torn down and graded to the subway requirements.

"There'll be 150,000 yards there before they're finished," said Mr. Cowden.

Whether or not the funds to pay for the hauling will be available is a question that hasn't been solved in the Department of Streets and Public Improvements. Mr. Cowden said that about 40,000 yards of earth would be sufficient for the Front street fill above MacLay street, and this, at a rough estimate of 40 cents a yard, would mean an expenditure of in the neighborhood of \$16,000. "These figures are not based on any definite data, however," said Mr. Cowden, "and the sum per yard is just a reasonable figure under ordinary circumstances."

#### To Prepare Map of River Front

What steps, if any, would be taken by the city to acquire the dirt, Commissioner W. H. Lynch asserted he couldn't say until after the State Water Supply Commission's request for a cross-sectional map of the proposed "fill" all along the river front from Iron alley to Division street had been prepared and submitted to the commission.

The Water Supply Commission has asked for this to see what we would like to have done," explained Commissioner Lynch, "and to-day Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hoffert, of the Park Department, and Mr. Justin, of the Board of Public Works, are conferred on the subject. Mr. Hoffert will prepare the map."

The T. Larry Eyre Construction Company has been doing considerable important work in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company within the past two years. The new bridge at Montgomery, across the Susquehanna river, was constructed by this company. It is one of the most important improvements made on the Northern Central Railway branch in many years.

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One Reed Carriage, in natural finish with hood and guaranteed steel bearings, heavy rubber tires and patent brake. Regular \$24.00 value ..... **\$17.50**

Similar style in still better grade, finished in brown, \$28.00 value ..... **\$19.00**

The new French gray finish with reversible body in season's newest make; white enamel if desired, \$36 value ..... **\$25.00**

Folding Go-carts with hood, adjustable back and spring seat, \$12.00 value ..... **\$9.50**

Similar description in \$8.00 value ..... **\$5.95**

## Porch Furniture

Many people take as much pride in the appearance and comfort of the porch as they do in the arrangement of the best room of the house, because that is the out-door living room in summer for those who are fortunate enough to have a porch. Many attractive pieces and complete sets are here, only a few of which can be quoted in this space.

Reed Rocker with roll frame, arms and seat; regular \$4.50 value ..... **\$2.40**

Large, roomy Arm Chair, made of selected reed, finished in natural color, \$8.00 value ..... **\$5.75**

Three-piece reed suit in brown tint, consisting of settee, rocker and arm chair; back and seat cushions upholstered in best grade cretonne with felt filling. Regular \$52.00 value ..... **\$39.50**

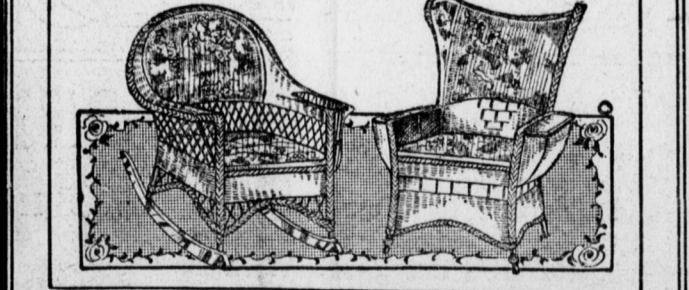
Famous Bar Harbor Chair in tinted reed, upholstered in figured denim to match shade of chair. Regular \$14.50 value ..... **\$9.75**

Rocker to match ..... **\$10.75**

Three-piece porch set in green reed; regular \$16.00 value, special ..... **\$10.75**

Sewing table of bamboo frame with two drawers; \$6.50 value ..... **\$4.75**

Many odd pieces and summer novelties for the porch, including vases and other embellishments that give a touch of completeness to the porch furnishings.



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NEW CUMBERLAND, PA.  
Fourth and Bridge Streets

### TRAFFIC LAWS ARE DEAD LETTER HERE

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The Motor Club agreed to note the offenders' numbers, write them letters and send duplicates of the letters to the chief. But, apparently, something went wrong in the plan, for the police department has received but one letter, according to Chief Hutchinson.

#### Where Drivers Err

The main points wherein motor vehicle drivers err, according to both the police department and the Motor Club officials, is in not stopping on the right side of the curb; in not taking turns properly; in lining up two deep at curbs; and in traveling with cut-out and smoke protectors. Another point incited on in the traffic code is that motors stopped in the street must not stand with engines running.

While the Motor Club members, according to Secretary Myton, can point out glaring disregard of these orders at any time during the day and right in Market Square, Chief of Police Hutchinson explains the manifest feebleness of one traffic officer keeping an eye peeled for all traffic ordinance breakers while watching and directing traffic. "Give us sufficient men," the chief said, "and we can make drivers observe the motor ordinances as minutely as they do in Central Park or in Fairmount Park."

The one bright spot in the situation apparently is the receipt of a letter from members of a recently organized Chauffeurs' Club in which the Chauffeurs' Club pledged the Motor Club that they would observe the traffic ordinances minutely and scrupulously. But the Motor Club officials seem to think that the traffic ordinance is not as closely followed by motorists as it was when first put into effect. And the police department thinks it is doing the very best it can and invites co-operation of the Motor Club in reporting violators.

#### PHILA. DOCTOR TO SPEAK

The Harrisburg Academy of Medicine will to-night listen to a paper by Dr. J. Madison Taylor of Philadelphia, on "The Mechanic-Therapeut." Sources of the General Practitioner Applicable at Almost Any Time or Place." Then a general discussion will follow.

#### FRIENDLINESS OF VILLA ENCOURAGING

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bargo on the shipment of munitions of war into Mexico, will have on the attitude of the Constitutionalist circles. It was realized that upon the attitude of the Constitutionalist leader, General Carranza, to a great extent hinged the extent of American military operations in Mexico. In the meantime officials were also apparently without any definite information regarding the plans of General Huerta, although there were rumors as to intentions of General Mas, the federal commander who evacuated Vera Cruz, to attack that city.

One of the encouraging features of the situation was the apparent friendliness manifested toward the United States by General Villa, military leader of the Constitutionalist, in an interview with American Consul Carothers at Juarez, and it was believed that his attitude might have considerable influence on General Carranza. He is

quoted as having said that one of the chief reasons for his coming to Juarez was to show the American people that his attitude was friendly. He emphasized the improbability of the rebels being brought into armed conflict with the United States, but said, however, that he was ready to obey orders of his chief. Carranza himself has made a statement which has been variously interpreted. While apparently considered in some quarters as tantamount to an ultimatum for American withdrawal, Constitutionalists representative point to it as friendly in character.

#### Demands Full Reparation

Precautions were taken by the administration when it ordered the restoration of the prohibition against

the shipment of arms into Mexico. The President reassured General Carranza that he has no designs against Mexico, but that he considers it necessary to demand full reparation from Huerta for indignities committed against the United States. He followed up the statement by ordering troops to Vera Cruz and to assist in forcing the demands and moved other troops to the international border as a precaution against possible disorders and for any other eventualities. In addition to the movement of land troops the naval strength of the United States in Mexican waters are to be increased by a special service squadron.

#### Consulate Attacked

Considerable uneasiness continued to be felt here over rumors of anti-


American demonstrations in Mexico City, where there are still many United States citizens, and over more definite reports of similar troubles at Ensenada, on the west coast of Mexico, where it was reported last night that the American consulate had been attacked. Steps were immediately taken to afford relief in the latter case by the dispatch of a gunboat from San Diego. Word of its arrival at Ensenada was hourly expected.

The tenseness of the situation between the United States and Mexico was heightened by the outward evidences seen in the severing of all formal connections between the two countries by the almost simultaneous departure from Washington of Mexican Charge Agura and Charge O'Shaughnessy from Mexico City. Con-

siderable significance is seen in the selection of Brazil to look after American interests in Mexico in the absence of American representatives. Where Brazil is not represented American interests will be cared for by France. Scenes of activity were in evidence early today at the various departments of the government immediately concerned with the Mexican situation. Despite the fact that Cabinet officers and their clerical forces were at the departments at a late hour last night, they were at their desks early to-day prepared to meet any further exigencies that might arise. In the meantime members of Congress are giving the closest attention to developments and it is considered not improbable that action bearing on the situation may be taken by Congress.



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